



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OECA–2012–0528; FRL – 9991-66-OMS]

### **Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NSPS for Synthetic Fiber Production Facilities (Renewal)**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted an information collection request (ICR), NSPS for Synthetic Fiber Production Facilities (EPA ICR Number 1156.14, OMB Control Number 2060-0059), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through April 30, 2019. Public comments were previously requested, via the *Federal Register*, on May 30, 2018 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An agency may neither conduct nor sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA–HQ–OECA–2012–0528, to: (1) EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), or by email to [docket.oeca@epa.gov](mailto:docket.oeca@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; and (2) OMB via email to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without

change, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick Yellin, Monitoring, Assistance, and Media Programs Division, Office of Compliance, Mail Code 2227A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-2970; fax number: (202) 564-0050; email address: yellin.patrick@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

*Abstract:* The New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Synthetic Fiber Production Facilities (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart HHH) were proposed on November 23, 1982, promulgated on April 5, 1984, and amended on October 17, 2000. These regulations apply to both existing and new synthetic fiber production plants with a solvent-spun, synthetic fiber process that produce more than 500 megagrams (Mgs) of fiber per year that commenced construction or reconstruction after the date of proposal. The provisions of this subpart do not apply to any facility that uses the reaction spinning process to produce spandex fiber, or the viscose process to produce rayon fiber, or to facilities that commence modification, but not reconstruction, after the date of proposal. This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart HHH.

In general, all NSPS standards require initial notifications, performance tests, and periodic reports by the owners/operators of the affected facilities. They are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. These notifications, reports, and records are essential in determining compliance, and are required of all affected facilities subject to NSPS.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Synthetic fiber production plants with a solvent-spun, synthetic fiber process that produce more than 500 megagrams (Mgs) of fiber per year.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart HHH).

*Estimated number of respondents:* 22 (total).

*Frequency of response:* Initially, semiannually, and quarterly.

*Total estimated burden:* 1,880 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$380,000 (per year), which includes \$165,000 in annualized capital/startup and/or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is no change in burden for this ICR compared to the previous ICR. This situation is due to two considerations: 1) the regulations have not changed over the past three years and are not anticipated to change over the next three years; and 2) the growth rate for the industry is very low, negative or non-existent, so there is no significant change in the overall burden.